



## Health in All Policies Task Force<sup>1</sup> Update to the Strategic Growth Council December 2017- January 2018

### Key Accomplishments

- In accordance with the activities outlined in the HiAP Task Force's *Equity in Government Practices Action Plan*, the Task Force is thrilled to report the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) 2018 Capitol Cohort pilot convened its first meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The opening session curriculum focused on racial equity terminology, government as a leader in advancing racial equity, and communicating about race. The following twelve state entities have enrolled in this effort and have formed staff teams to participate:
  1. Arts Council
  2. Coastal Commission
  3. Department of Public Health
  4. Department of Housing and Community Development
  5. Department of Transportation
  6. Department of Education
  7. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
  8. Department of Community Services and Development
  9. Department of Social Services
  10. Environmental Protection Agency (including Boards, Departments and Office)
  11. State Lands Commission
  12. Strategic Growth Council & Office of Planning and Research
- The HiAP Task Force's last quarterly meeting for 2017 was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> and included a discussion about communicating about racial equity, the relationship between racism and health, and opportunities for all departments to participate in the GARE program, including those not enrolled in the cohort pilot. Task Force members also reviewed HiAP priorities for 2018 and worked in small groups to review their own department and agency priorities for the coming year and identify areas of alignment and potential partnership with the HiAP Program.
- The Public Health Institute was awarded an 18-month grant from the Blue Shield of California Foundation to support HiAP Task Force activities related to violence prevention and community resilience.

### HiAP Task Force Activity Highlights

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<sup>1</sup> The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was charged by Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010 to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while also advancing the goals of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The Task Force consists of representatives from 22 State agencies, departments, and offices, who contribute their time to this initiative. The HiAP Task Force is staffed through a partnership between the SGC, the California Department of Public Health, and the Public Health Institute. For more information on the HiAP Task Force: <http://www.sgc.ca.gov/Initiatives/Health-In-All-Policies.html>

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### **Action Plan to Promote Parks and Healthy Tree Canopy**

In anticipation of Council endorsement of the full plan, Task Force members are implementing actions listed in the HiAP Task Force's *Action Plan to Promote Parks and Healthy Tree Canopy*. For example:

- California Department of Public Health is using California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection data to pilot the development of maps that layer school parcel data over urban heat island, urban tree canopy cover, and Disadvantaged Community designation to explore feasibility of targeting urban forestry investments at school sites.
- Strategic Growth Council and Department of Education identified stakeholders and outreach channels representing K-12 schools to target in support of expanded participation of disadvantaged communities in the California Climate Investments program.

### **Active Transportation**

- HiAP staff are providing consultation to Caltrans and the California Transportation Commission on the inclusion of health and equity criteria in the Active Transportation Program (ATP) through the Technical Advisory Committee and public workshops.
- The Land Use, Schools, and Health Work Group is compiling data about the group's key outcomes and contributions to inform next steps.

### **External Capacity Building and Outreach Highlights**

The Task Force continues to be a model for communities in California and other states. Staff and Task Force members frequently give presentations about their involvement in and lessons learned from participating in the initiative. For example:

- On December 8<sup>th</sup>, HiAP staff presented on a webinar organized by the US Climate Change and Health Alliance about California state government's work to promote health and equity while simultaneously advancing the state's greenhouse gas emissions goals.
- On January 17<sup>th</sup>, staff from the HiAP team, together with leadership from the Government Alliance on Race and Equity, met with representatives from the states of Washington, Minnesota, and Michigan to share information and provide updates on state-level racial equity activities.

For further information about the California Health in All Policies Task Force, please see [http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s\\_hiap.php](http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_hiap.php) or contact [hiap@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:hiap@sgc.ca.gov).